

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

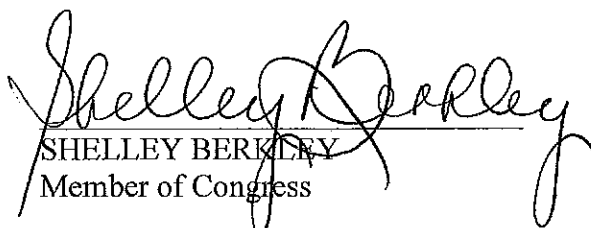
We write to express our appreciation to your Administration for its strong efforts on behalf of Israel's campaign to join the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). The recent announcement that Israel won a unanimous vote to join this prestigious group of nations represents an important diplomatic triumph for your Administration and for the Jewish State.

Upon accepting the OECD invitation, Israel's Prime Minister, Benyamin Netanyahu, noted that the country has a "place among the nations due to its economic and technological prowess." There is no doubt that Israel's membership in the OECD will strengthen its economic integration in the global community and the opportunities it presents for foreign investors. Israel's accession to the organization is also a sign that the campaign to isolate and de-legitimize the Jewish State will not succeed. Without your full support, and the personal involvement of senior Administration officials, Israel's campaign to join the OECD may well have fallen victim to the provocative lobbying campaign orchestrated by the Palestinians and others to deny Israel's admittance to the organization.

Even as we recognize the role of the State Department and Israel's own considerable diplomatic efforts to achieve this significant victory, we must remain cognizant of the ceaseless attacks Israel continues to face within international organizations. Your Administration's success in defeating a slew of anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and preventing Iran's election to the United Nations Human Rights Council, are hopeful signs that those seeking to isolate Israel will no longer be able to hijack the agendas of international organizations with impunity.


We look forward to working with you to help maintain U.S. vigilance at other multilateral organizations to ensure they are not fora for hateful anti-Israel and anti-Semitic vitriol. It is important to remember that without the continued and forceful use of our voice and vote within international organizations, Israel would be at the mercy of those determined to undermine its legitimacy as an independent and democratic Jewish State.

Sincerely,


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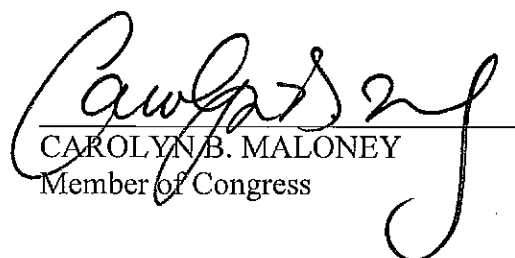

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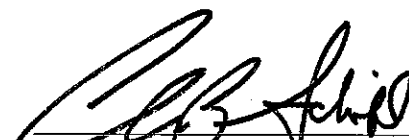

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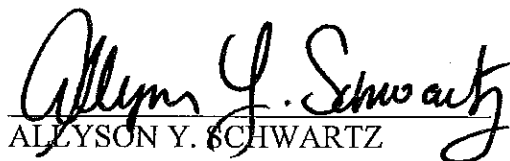

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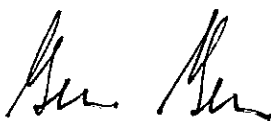
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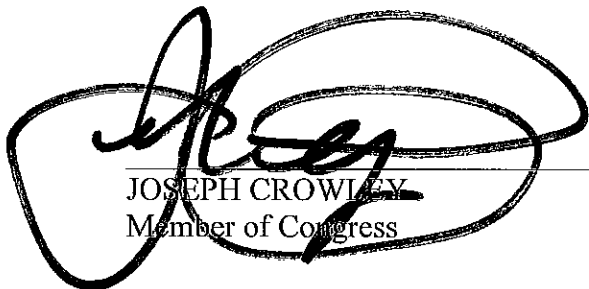
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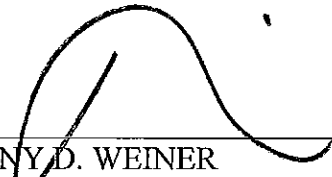
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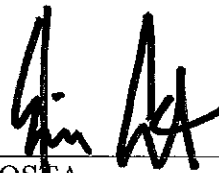
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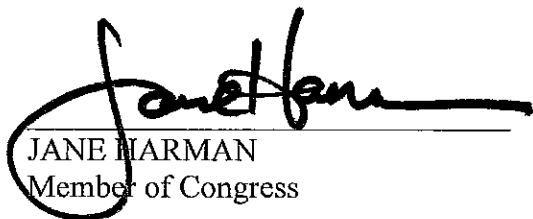
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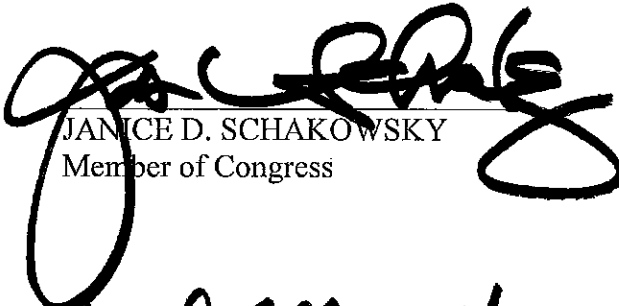
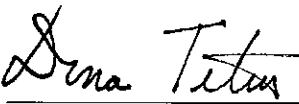

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